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GREETINGS

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WHY the flamingo on the Cover? Well, in 1942 after 16 years of work trying to breed the orchid and lavender tones out of the so-called pink iris, eight pinks, without traces of orchid or lavender appeared among our seedlings.

One Sunday we had three commercial artists in our garden and asked them what they would call the shade of pink in these new seedlings. After considerable discussion they agreed that flamingo would best describe this tone of pink. It seemed apt and they have become known as our flamingo pinks.

These pinks vary in depth of color as the plumage of the bird. Their beards are prominent and shade from tangerine to geranium red. All these new pinks set seed readily for me, produce viable pollen and we, like the birds on the back cover page, have new ones coming along.

We are introducing this year Radiation, a true orchid pink, and Sky Ranger, a tall ruffled vigorous growing blue. Due to the fact that the demand for the named flamingo pinks exceeds the supply, we are offering for sale this year a few flamingo pink seedlings that are carried under number. We are also introducing three day lilies that we consider outstanding in their color classes.

The best time to transplant Iris is debatable. However, when plants are not crowded and are growing under favorable conditions, I believe it best not to disturb them during the hot and often dry months of June and July. I prefer to fill orders for the Northern States in late August and for the Southern States in September.

You are most cordially invited to visit our gardens when in bloom. The height of our season of bloom is usually in the first week in June.

The Shore Line trains of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee line stop at 8th St., Wilmette, one block from our residence. 809 Central Avenue.

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1948 INTRODUCTIONS

Radiation. Seedling 45-03. H.C. 1947. A pleasing tone of orchid pink with a deep tangerine beard. The standards and falls are the same color and there is no veining on the haft. The standards of the large flowers are domed, the falls are semi-flaring and the substance good. The 32-inch well branched stems have never required staking. Radiation is from one of our so-called strawberry blond pinks crossed with Premier Peach. \$25.00

Sky Ranger. Seedling 45-05. A very tall, stately and heavily ruffled medium blue. It grows to a height of 54 inches and the three way branched stems open one flower at a time on each branch. The flowers are large, of very attractive form and good substance. The stems with three flowers open have held up when many named varieties in the garden have gone down during storms \$25.00

OTHER HALLCROFT INTRODUCTIONS

Bandmaster. H. C. 1943. H. M. 1944. A very large vigorous growing and free blooming powder blue, a few shades lighter than the Admiral. The Color holds unusually well and the form, substance, stem and branching are good. Height 38 inches. \$5.00

Burgundy Rose. The large ruffled dark Amethyst-Colored flowers are proudly carried on strong well branched 35-inch stems. The color of Burgundy Rose is quite striking and it has great garden value. It is a vigorous grower and a free bloomer \$7.50

Buttercup Lane. H. M. 1940. A heavily ruffled crisp fair sized light yellow on a strong well branched 30-inch stem. It makes a very attractive border plant. \$1.00

Chantilly. H. M. 1945. A. M. 1947. A large ruffled orchid pink flower. The edges of both standards and falls are heavily frilled or fluted, more so than I have seen in any other flower. Chantilly is from the same line of breeding as our flamingo pinks. The 36-inch stems are stout and well branched. It has extra good substance, is winter hardy and a free bloomer\$7.50

Cherie. H. C. 1945. H. M. 1947. A large ruffled full bodied flamingo pink self of excellent form and substance and with a deep tangerine beard.

The 34-inch Stems are very stout and well branched. Growth is vigorous and increase much above average. This is a beautiful pink, fine in every respect. Stock rather limited.\$25.00

Courtier. H. C. 1944. Deepest in color of the flamingo pinks. It is not as large nor has it as good form as Cherie, but the color is outstanding. The 30-inch stems are strong and the branching is good. Prominent deep tangerine beard. All our flamingo pinks are winter hardy and set seed freely.\$15.00

Dream Girl. A flamingo pink self of a little deeper tone than Overture. The medium sized flowers are carried on 28-inch strong well branched stems. The foliage is narrow and the rhizomes small. A fine border iris.\$7.50

Fantasy. H. C. 1944. H. M. 1947. A lovely rose and orchid toned pink, distinctive and quite different in color from the flamingo pinks. But it is of the same breeding as the flamingos and has the tangerine beard. The well formed above medium sized flowers have good substance and are carried on well branched 30-inch stout stems.\$25.00

Firecracker. H. M. 1943. A glowing dark burgundy red plicata, with yellow trim. The flowers have good substance, are well formed and carried on stout 32-inch stems. The depth and richness of color commands the attention of everyone.\$5.00

Floradora. A medium toned flamingo pink of good form and substance on well branched 30-inch stems. The blooms are of medium size with a geranium red beard. The size of flower, foliage and stem are in good balance. Like all our flamingo pinks it is a self with no haft markings\$10.00

Golden Eagle. H. C. 1941. H. M. 1942. A very large brilliant light yellow with a satin sheen. It increases remarkably fast and is a very free bloomer. The large flowers are carried on a 36-inch strong well branched stem.\$1.50

Golden Russet. H. C. 1945. H. M. 1947 The unusual feature of this flower is its great size. On an established well grown plant it produces flowers seven inches high, the falls measure nine inches across when spread out on a ruler and the buds measure up to six inches. Golden Russet produces the largest Iris flowers I have seen. The 40-inch stems are stout and only on rare occasions do they require staking. It is a splendid grower and a free bloomer. The name is descriptive of its color.\$8.00

Hit Parade. Another flamingo pink, with some ruffling, good form and substance, and a little larger flower than Courtier and Floradora, carried on a well branched strong 34-inch stem. The color is lighter than Courtier and slightly deeper than Floradora, and has the characteristic tangerine beard. All these flamingo pinks are free bloomers and increase rapidly\$15.00

Innovation. A rose trimmed plicata. The flowers are large and of good form and substance. The 37-inch stems are strong and well branched. It is a vigorous grower, blooms freely and is winter hardy. If you like plicatas I think you will like Innovation.. \$5.00

Invictus. H. M. 1940. Is a very deep yellow with a subdued orange tone and has dark amber markings on the falls. The color carries well in the garden. The flowers are very large, of good form, and extra heavy substance. The 38-inch stems are strong and well branched. It is a rampant grower and a very free bloomer\$1.00

Katharine Fay. H. C. 1943. H. M. 1945. A. M. 1947. A grand white, originated by Mr. Orville Fay of Wilmette, Ill. The large pure white flowers have no yellow in the center. It has tall ruffled standards and wide ruffled semi-flaring falls. The sturdy well branched 34-inch stems and vigorous growing plants further recommend it as an excellent hardy white.\$7.50

Lavender Mist. Seedling 39.99. A large flowered lavender blue. A prominent irisian likens the color to a frosted silver cup. The plant is vigorous and free blooming. Form substance and branching are good....\$1.50

Lullaby. This Iris has been referred to in the Bulletin as an apple blossom pink, to me it is more of an orchid pink. It is a luscious color and a remarkably rampant grower and free bloomer. The flowers are large. The standards and falls are the same color with no haft markings. Substance and form are good. The 38-inch stems do not require staking...\$3.00

Lynn Langford. H. C. 1945. H. M. 1946. A deep toned orchid pink with a golden yellow center which is smoothly blended into the orchid pink without veining. The flower is large, of good form, heavy substance and is carried on a strong 36-inch stem. It is a free bloomer and was a general favorite in our garden last season\$12.00

Maiden Blush. When asked to describe the color of this Iris most people say Apricot and I will let it go at that. The color is rich and pleasing. It is a self with no haft markings, has domed standards and semi-flaring falls and the substance is very heavy. The flowers are large and are carried on a well branched 36-inch stem. It is hardy and produces an abundance of flowers..\$2.00

Mandalay. H. M. 1943. A smooth reddish rose self, a new and very attractive color that has been much admired. The standards are domed and the falls flaring. The flowers are carried on a well branched 30-inch strong stem. It is a free bloomer and hardy....\$2.00

Nightingale. H. M. 1944. The color is new and very attractive, a glistening golden russet. The form and substance of the large flowers is good. The 36-inch well branched stems are strong.\$2.00

Nightfall. H. C. 1941. H. M. 1943. A. M. 1945. The falls are a velvety rich dark pansy purple with almost no veining on the hafts. The standards are several shades lighter than the falls, making a very striking color combination. The 36-inch stems are well branched. Substance and form excellent. It is a strong grower and a free bloomer....\$1.50

Overture. H. C. 1943. H. M. 1944. A flamingo pink, a little larger flower than Dream Girl and of a slightly lighter tone of pink. The flowers are carried on a strong 36-inch stem. Branching is fair, substance and form good. The color holds up well. It is winter hardy, a strong grower and a free bloomer. \$8.00

Premier Peach. H. C. 1944. H. M. 1946. A clear pinkish peach self with no haft markings. The flowers are larger than Overture or Dream Girl, its sister seedlings and are of heavy substance and good form. It is a vigorous grower, a free bloomer and the stout 34-inch stems are well branched. \$12.00

Remembrance. H. M. 1943. A. M. 1944. In 1942 we chose Remembrance as being the best of our many pink blends. The color of the large flowers is a pink blend with yellow overtones which give it life. The form, substance and branching are good. The stems are about 38-inches tall and do not require staking. \$3.00

Royal Scot. H. M. 1944. A tall large flowered red trimmed plicata of a pleasing tone of burgundy red. It is so heavily trimmed that at a distance it gives a red effect. Form, substance and stem are good, branching is fair. It is a vigorous grower and a free bloomer. \$3.00

Samovar. H. M. 1941. A very brilliant and colorful Iris, quite different in color from any Iris we have seen, it attracts attention from a considerable distance and has plenty of what is often spoken of as garden value. The color is a coppery rose, the substance fair. The plant is a vigorous grower, hardy and a free bloomer 75c

Stardom. H. M. 1940. A. M. 1943. It has a very pleasing color. According to Ridgeway's color charts the nearest color tone is onion skin pink, although it does not have a strong pink tone. It is one of those off colors and very difficult to describe. The flower is a self, has good form, substance and branching. The 34-inch stem is strong. The plant is a very free bloomer and increases remarkably fast. 75c

Spring Chimes. H. C. 1941. A large golden russet self, a shade lighter than Nightingale. It is a rampant grower, hardy and a free bloomer. The form is good and substance fair. The branching on the 38-inch stem is not short but is placed too high for show room purposes. A clump of Spring Chimes will attract much favorable comment. \$1.00

Sunshine. A fine deep rich toned yellow of excellent form and substance. The flowers are carried on a strong well branched 30-inch stem. It is winter hardy and an extra free bloomer. \$2.50

Tapestry Rose. H. C. 1941. H. M. 1942. The large flowers are a soft old rose and are carried on a 38-inch well branched stout stem. It is a free bloomer. Form and substance are good. \$2.00

The Admiral. H. M. 1940. A. M. 1944. A clean, bright, medium blue of near perfection. The form, finish and substance are outstanding. The plant is vigorous, a free bloomer and increases rapidly. Very popular.... \$1.00

The Sentinel. Burnished copper describes this color which attracts much attention and comment. The flowers are medium large and the form and substance good. It makes a glowing clump. \$1.00

Tip Top. A striking and unusual color combination. The standards are solid violet blue and the falls white with a very delicate peppering of blue in the throat and on the edges of the falls.

From a short distance it looks like an Amoenina in reverse, but it should be classed as a plicata. The medium sized flowers have a clean crisp appearance, substance and form are good. The 30-inch stems are well branched \$10.00

Numbered Pink Seedlings. Each year during the blooming season we give outstanding seedlings a number and later select from these any we think worthy of introduction and give them a name. Frequently it is difficult to select the best of a particular color. The others are ordinarily discarded as we do not wish to name and introduce near duplicates. Due to the fact that the demand for these new pinks greatly exceeds the supply we are for the first time offering rhizomes of numbered pink seedlings for sale. These seedlings will not be named. They will make attractive garden clumps and are valuable for breeding purposes. \$5.00

HEMEROCALLIS

1948 Introductions

Fascination. A pleasing tone of medium yellow with a prominent halo. The flowers are very broad petalled and very large. The strong 40-inch scapes have the best branching of any day lily I have seen and carry up to 50 flowers on established plants. Mid-season \$5.00

Meadow Gold. A very deep golden yellow. The very large broad petalled flowers are wide open, flaring. Outstanding in its color class. 36 inches. Midseason \$5.00

North Star. Many hybridizers are working for a white day lily. While North Star is not white it is as near white as any I have seen. It is a large wide open flower with excellent substance and a grace and finish that attracts attention. The slender scapes are unusually strong. A rather late bloomer. 38-inches \$5.00

1946 Introduction

Mission Bells. A large wide-petalled, ruffled medium toned clear yellow producing up to 52 large flowers to a stem on established plants. It is a strong grower and a free bloomer. \$5.00

Hemerocallis shipments will commence about the middle of August.

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